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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

# Significant Events - National

#### North Dakota launches oil rules hoping to curb U.S. rail disasters

(Reuters) North Dakota will from Wednesday require the more-than 1.2 million barrels of crude extracted each day from the state's Bakken shale formation be run through machines that remove volatile gases linked to recent crude-by-rail disasters. The controversial step is designed to abrogate the damage North Dakota crude oil - 70 percent of which is transported via rail - can cause during derailments. In the absence of concrete regulations from the U.S. Department of Transportation, North Dakota's new rules become the de facto national standard on the treatment of crude before tank car loading. The new regulations require every single barrel of North Dakota crude to be filtered for ethane, propane and other natural gas liquids (NGLs), which are found naturally co-mingled with oil. North Dakota crude contains a far-higher percentage of those gases than, for instance, crude extracted in Texas or Alaska, and that added volatility fueled a deadly derailment in Quebec in late 2013, as well as a string of successive disasters. The goal would be to produce a barrel of Bakken crude with pressure of no more than 13.7 psi, similar to 13.5 psi for most automobile gasoline. Because most of the oil extracted in the United States via hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as "fracking," is transported by rail, North Dakota's rules will influence regulatory decisions in Colorado, Wyoming and new shale fields, and have a national ripple effect.

# <u>Significant Events – International</u>

#### Talks for framework of Iran nuclear deal continue

(CNN) Talks to reach a deal on a framework agreement on Iran's nuclear program will be extended an extra day, U.S. officials said Tuesday. "We've made enough progress in the last days to merit staying until Wednesday. There are several difficult issues still remaining," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the talks in Lausanne would continue another day as "long as the conversations continue to be productive." Diplomats and negotiators worked late as an initial deadline approached, but more time appeared necessary to reach a framework deal.

# Heavy clashes on Saudi-Yemeni border; Hadi government pleads for troops

(Reuters) Saudi troops clashed with Yemeni Houthi fighters on Tuesday in the heaviest exchange of cross-border fire since the start of a Saudi-led air offensive last week, while Yemen's foreign minister called for a rapid Arab intervention on the ground. Saudi Arabia has been leading a coalition of Arab states since last Thursday in an air campaign against the Shi'ite Houthis, who emerged as the most powerful force in the Arabian Peninsula's poorest country when they seized Yemen's capital last year.



# SITUATION SUMMARY

### River Bottom Vegetation Fire, San Bernardino County

- On 03/29/15 at 1241 hours, firefighters responded to a sixty-acre or larger vegetation fire in within Mojave Narrows Regional Park with structures threatened in the western portion of Apple Valley.
- The fire is currently at 65 acres and 30% containment as of 3/31/15 at 2023 hours per the Cal OES FDO.
- Structure threat to the Town of Apple Valley and City of Victorville has been mitigated.
- Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding.
- A Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) has been submitted to Cal OES. The fire does not meet FMAG criteria and has been placed on hold.
- The Fire is presently burning with a County/City Park and is essentially confined to a river course-way.
- All evacuations have been lifted as of 3/31/15 at 1930 hours only residence are allowed to return to the area.
- The evacuation center at Sitting Bull Middle School located at 19455 Sitting Bull Road, Apple Valley has closed as of 3/31/15 at 1930 hours.
- The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District has issued a Smoke Advisory due to the River Bottom Fire.
- Per the Cal OES SDO, San Bernardino County EOC activated at Level I.
- There are no requests for assistance or unmet needs.
- Cal OES Duty Officers continue to monitor the situation.

### Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

• SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

### **Weather of Concern**

- Sub-freezing temperatures are possible overnight into Wednesday and Thursday morning for central Siskiyou County. These conditions could kill crops and other sensitive vegetation.
- Potentially damaging high winds are possible Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning for portions of the Santa Barbara and Los Angeles County Mountains, and the Santa Barbara County south coast.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\_bc\_cal.php



# **WEATHER**

### **WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:**

#### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:**

#### **Eureka Weather:**

A cooler air mass will persist across the region through Thursday. Frost is possible in the interior valleys the next few mornings. A cold front will move through the north west California Saturday.

#### **Medford Weather:**

A cool, showery air mass remains over the forecast area this morning. The showers decreased last evening as expected, but another batch of showers will move onshore and bring precipitation mainly to the coast, Umpqua, and Cascades through the morning. Showers will diminish tonight, and then mainly dry weather is expected through Friday. The air mass will gradually moderate, but nights will be chilly, even over west side Oregon and the Shasta Valley where the spring growing season has already begun. The freeze warning continues for the Shasta Valley this morning and will continue tonight and Thursday morning as well.

#### Reno Weather:

Much colder temperatures will prevail today and Thursday, with possible light snow and rain showers this evening mainly north of Interstate 80. Brisk north winds are also expected tonight into Thursday. After a brief warming trend on Friday, cooler and breezy conditions return later in the weekend and early next week, with an increasing chance for precipitation.

### San Francisco Weather:

Cool and breezy conditions will persist through late Wednesday night. Overnight lows tonight and Thursday night will be colder than normal especially in sheltered locations. Daytime temperatures will warm slightly by the end of the week as high pressure builds over the area. Rain may be a possibility beginning Sunday lasting into early next week.

# **WEATHER**

#### **WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:**

#### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Cooler but still slightly warmer than normal today with a chance of showers across the northern mountains. Warming slightly Thursday and Friday with breezy north winds then cooling again over the weekend as precipitation chances return to the north state. Continued precipitation chances through early next week.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

Upper level disturbance will brush through the region with gusty winds today. Seasonal temperatures through Thursday with above normal temperatures on Friday and Saturday. Mountain showers and cooler unsettled weather for Sunday, with seasonal temperatures Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

### **Los Angeles Weather:**

Gusty northwest winds will persist into Thursday morning, then turn northerly on Thursday for a warmup. On Friday the Santa Ana winds will begin and raise temperatures to well above normal. By early next week a low system will arrive for more clouds, a slight chance of rain and temperatures falling back to around normal.

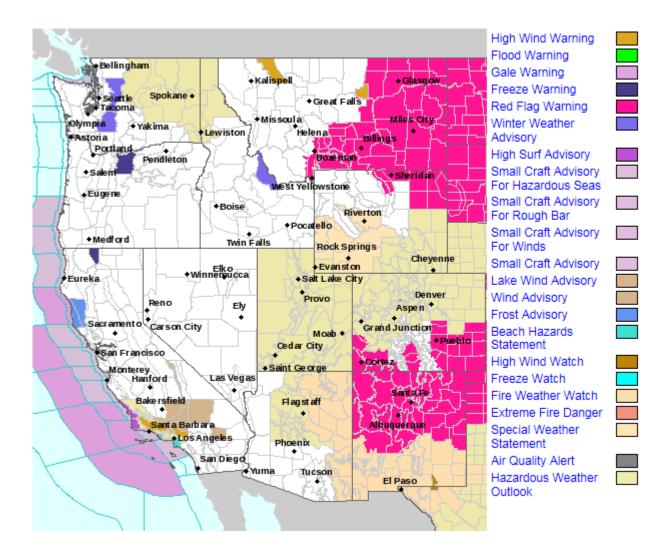
# Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

A weak trough of low pressure will move inland through California today maintaining stronger onshore flow with continued inland cooling, gusty west winds in the mountains and deserts, and areas of night and morning coastal low clouds and fog extending into portions of the valleys. Slight warming for Thursday with greater warming for Friday with weak offshore flow with locally gusty northeast winds near the coastal foothills. Onshore flow will return for the weekend with cooling and a return of night and morning coastal low clouds and fog by Sunday.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

A weak system will result in gusty winds across the area tonight. Cooler air will filter in behind this system for Wednesday. Another system will move across the area Wednesday night into Thursday bringing another round of gusty winds. Additional cooling is expected for Thursday and Friday. Dry weather is expected for the weekend along with a warming trend. Gusty winds are anticipated to return for the afternoon and evening hours on Easter.

# STATE WEATHER MAP



# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

# Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

**Northern California** 

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

**Southern California** 

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

**California Fire Potential & Weather Maps** 

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

**NWS California River Forecast Center:** 

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

# **Round Fire, Mono County**

- Site sampling and hazardous materials recovery of the affected properties began 03/14/15. Cal Recycle began debris removal operations 03/23/15.
- Two Recovery personnel have deployed to Mono County to assist with debris removal operations.
- An Applicant's Briefing will be held on 04/03/15 at 1300 hours, at the Lee Vining Community Center, to discuss the eligibility and guidelines of the CDAA program.



# **CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT**

### Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Costal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a bi-weekly basis.



# **CAL OES MISSIONS**

### **New Cal OES Missions**

• 2015-LAW-9350, 03/31/15, 2021 hours, Lake County Sheriffs Department (LCSD) is requesting side scan sonar team to locate a subject presumed drowned. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch is coordinating the resources.

### **Ongoing Cal OES Missions**

- **2015-LAW-9346, 03/31/15, 1022 hours**, San Diego County Sheriffs Department (SDSD) is requesting search dogs. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch is coordinating the search dog response.
- 2015-LAW-9018, 03/30/15, 1600 hours, (Reopened) Solano County Sheriff's Department (SCSD) is requesting resources to locate the remains of a cold case missing person from several years ago. SCSD is requesting 2 Cadaver search dog teams. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch is coordinating the search dog response. This search will take place on Wednesday, 4/01/15 at 0800 hrs.



# Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.